

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 21-39 are pending in the application, with claims 21 and 31 being the independent claims. Claims 1-20 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 21-39 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 1-20

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0030950 to Chen et al. (herein "Chen") in view of United States Patent No. 6,954,454 to Schuster (herein "Schuster"). Without acquiescing to the merits of this allegation, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20 rendering the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) to claims 1-20 moot.

***New Claims***

Applicants respectfully submits that claims 21-39 are patentable over the art of record. For example, the combination of Chen and Schuster does not teach or suggest at

least the features of a "first communications protocol" through a "fourth communications protocol" and/or the translation among the "first communications protocol" through the "fourth communications protocol" in the manner as recited by claims 21 and 31. Dependent claims 22-30 and 32-39 are likewise allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they respectively depend and further in view of their own respective features.

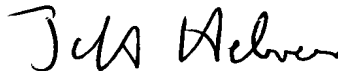
***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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